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‘We will make surgery better’

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE business manager of the city’s worst performing GP surgery has told MK NEWS that a new team has the prescription for success that will turn it around.

Kingfisher Surgery in Elthorne Way, Newport Pagnell, was ranked 16th worst in the country in the GP Patient Survey, which covers the period from July 2013 to March 2014.

The survey put it 7,970th out of 7,986 individual surgeries.

It was also named the second worst in the Hertfordshire and South Midlands Area Team, which includes clinical commissioning groups in Milton Keynes, Luton, Herts Valley, East and North Hertfordshire, Corby and Bedfordshire.

But Harriet Marshall, who took over running the surgery in December on behalf of McLaren-Perry Limited, said she is confident the surgery can be turned around.

She said that there were no policies in place when she arrived and work has been carried out to implement a new system and new chairs have been provided for the waiting room.

Three permanent doctors have also been employed at the surgery, which had previously been relying on expensive locums.

“The whole thing was a complete mess when we came in, with no systems in place and no regular doctors,” said Mrs Marshall.

The right medicine: ***From left***, Dr Matthew West, Harriet Marshall, reception supervisor Fazilat Shivji and Dr Nancy Murray

“It has been in dire straits for many years and we have uncovered lots of things that were quite shocking, but we have been working very hard and made some really good progress.

“We have still got a way to go but we have really high hopes and we are now getting compliments from patients. Our changes will mean the surgery will now go from strength to strength.”

CCG outlines how care will be improved

MILTON Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has said it is working to improve its care following the news that it finished 208th out of the 211 CCGs in the country in the GP Patient Survey.

Nicola Smith, GP chairman for Milton Keynes, *pictured below*, says the organisation wants to improve the way it recruits clinicians to deal with the current shortage and will support struggling surgeries by sharing good practice by those performing well.

She added: “Patient satisfaction is very important, so while we are extremely conscious of these survey results, as a CCG we are working closely with GP members to make improvements for better access to care in Milton Keynes for the future.”

The CCG also wants to conduct a campaign to promote self-care in the city and would like people to go to their pharmacy if they are suffering with minor ailments.

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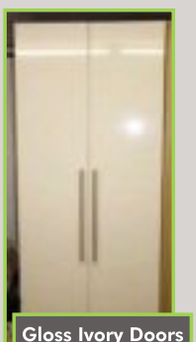

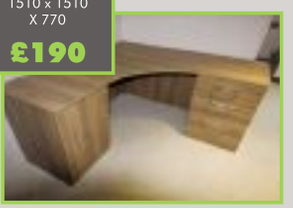

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MK's GP service is in poor health

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MILTON Keynes has been ranked 208th out of 211 in a GPs Patient Survey.

Conservatives in the city have now called for a review of the city's GP provision following the results of the survey, which was carried out by Ipsos MORI on behalf of NHS England and covers the period from July 2013 to March 2014.

The results were based on four criteria (see tables below), which included ease of getting through to a GP on the phone, and an average of these indicators gave Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) a score of 70 per cent – 12 per cent behind the national average.

Councillor Alice Bramall, chairman of the health and adult social care committee on Milton Keynes Council, has called for a cross party review group to investigate why GP access is so poor.

MK'S WORST FIVE

- Kingfisher Surgery
- Hilltops Medical Centre
- Westcroft Health Centre
- Wolverton Health Centre
- Purbeck Health Centre

She said: "Healthcare services and access to healthcare is vitally important to everyone and it is incredibly concerning to see Milton Keynes appearing so low in the recent survey.

"I am pleased to have been able to pull together this cross party review to get to the bottom of why residents are finding it so difficult to see their GP. With the hospital seeing more admissions than ever before, it is vital GP health services are operating fully and I am determined that we will get to the bottom of the problem and find solutions with support from the CCG and GP practices."

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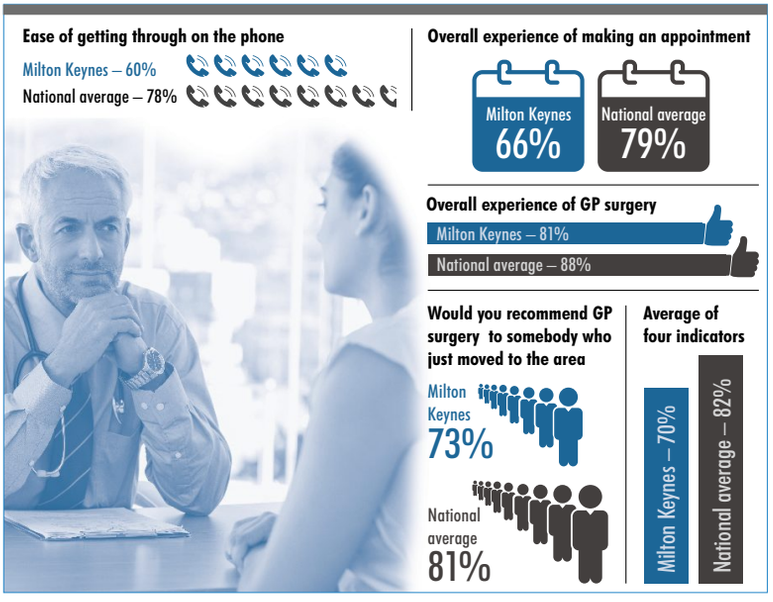

Hospital chairman shares plan

On the case: Baroness Margaret Wall

MK NEWS has had an exclusive interview with the new chairman of the Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Trust – Baroness Margaret Wall.

The Baroness, who started her role in July, shared her plans to bring the hospital up to scratch to meet resident's demands.

Alongside the recent 2.9million healthcare funding to expand A&E, she discussed the development of a Marie Curie Garden at the hospital and a module that teaches staff about the signs of a stroke.

She said: "We are very aspirational and are preparing for a bigger population."

Read more about her plans at mkweb.co.uk/news

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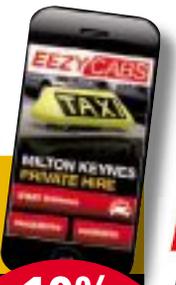

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Estate a 'no go zone'

ONCE again your paper has reported on the lack of order, control and decent behaviour in the Fishermead area of the city.

I refer to your report in last week's edition regarding the girl being raped on the estate.

Thames Valley Police are occupied in other areas of the city and so my suggestion for a resolution to the problem is to designate Fishermead as a 'no go zone'.

Normal well-behaved MK residents would then be made aware and put on their guard prior to entering.

An additional measure could be to have guides offered for a nominal fee to escort pedestrians though the area.

Have we not had enough of the assaults, rapes and shootings?

John Dodds
Shenley Lodge

Gridlock and buildings

FURTHER to Arun Vaidyanathan's letter in last week's MK NEWS concerning the increasing amount of traffic within a small residential area of Whalley and Sherwood Drive.

The existing traffic problems are not helped when large double decker car transporters are parked in Sherwood Drive while they collect and deliver vehicles for the depot opposite the busy Bletchley Rail Station.

I believe the company has outgrown its existing site judging by the number of large vans parked overnight in the council car park at the opposite end of Sherwood Drive.

This part of Milton Keynes has existing narrow roads that have no direct connection to the excellent grid road system and over the past years there is a direct link to the extra traffic growth and misery being inflicted in this small area by the planning department of Milton Keynes Council.

This includes the conversion of the majority of the land within the orginial Bletchley Park into a high density residential area combined with converting the smaller remaining area into a national attraction now referred to as 'the home of the codebreakers'.

During the conversion no provision was made for providing onsite parking for coaches delivering paying customers to the park.

The growing commercial success of this attraction can be measured by the number of coaches manoeuvring and parking in the Whalley Drive and Sherwood Drive area.

In the planners' pending box for this small area of Milton Keynes is the redevelopment of the derelict CAA buildings and the old canteen building in Wilton Avenue and a recent £1.5million grant for changes to Bletchley station and after completion there are plans to build offices on any surplus land within the station area.

It would be a small compensation to correct the planners' past mistakes rather than foist more multi-storey high density development on the unused Sherwood Drive council site, which is zoned as industrial land.

New is not always better and based on what our planners have created to date and propose to do in the future, I believe they should have the integrity to change all the council signs, which, as you enter Bletchley, remind us that it is the home of the codebreakers. However, thanks to the planners, it is now home to high density building and gridlock on the roads.

Barrie Butcher
Whalley Drive
Bletchley

Steer clear of roads

A LOT has been written recently about banning cyclists from the grid roads, changing the speed limits and altering junctions etc all to improve safety.

Well none of it will make any difference as individuals like the one I caught on camera on Sunday evening show.

A motorist can be seen, a clear right indicator comes on, but then the driver continues straight on instead, causing a near accident.

This is the biggest issue on our local roads – incompetence.

So if the driver of the blue Ford Focus is reading this, allow me to pass on some vital information.

If you indicate right, and move in to the inside lane to turn right, other traffic will expect you to turn right, not go straight on.

Please get some driving lessons before you kill someone.

Paul Prickett
Sent via email

Think of your safety

I HAVE read the news and speculation about cyclists on the grid roads in your paper over the last few weeks with interest and I would like to make a few comments.

Whether the bikes are allowed on the grid roads or not, if Milton Keynes Council is allowed to close a road to vehicles (*'Road closure plan, MK NEWS, August 6'*) then it can certainly close the road(s) to cyclists.

Why do people always talk about rights and not duties?

Cyclists should have more consideration, both for drivers and their own safety.

I feel that the redways should be fully developed and utilised both for cyclists and pedestrians.

With many people using mobility scooters it would enable them better access as well.

It is, therefore, in everyone's interests to have the network expanded and kept in better condition.

Hazel Endersby
Cromarty Court
Bletchley

Hot under the collar

I HAVE a question for the firefighters following your story 'Fired up over online 'abuse'' (*MK NEWS, August 20*).

I'd like them to explain the comment that 'lives were being put at risk' after they found out they weren't going to be paid for their shift? It doesn't seem to have bothered them before they went out on strike.

Robert E Lee
Conniburrow Boulevard
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This is bad for students. In the working world we are assessed over time.

■ **@Shireen Koldemir**
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■ **@MikeyPB on crash in Woolstone**
Hope who ever involved is ok. Does this again press to lower speed limits?

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

COME 2026, the 'New City' of Milton Keynes will be just another concrete conurbation with congested roads, inner-city schools, graffiti-strewn subways and little, if any, local services to speak of.

And the reason for this apocalyptic vision of the future? A desire by Milton Keynes Council to build a further 28,000 homes, but without money from Central Government to support the development with additional infrastructure such as schools and GP surgeries.

Many parts of Milton Keynes are already looking run-down and neglected.

Estates like Netherfield, Fullers Slade, Tinkers Bridge, Fishermead and Conniburrow – to name a few – which would have been seen as cutting edge design and architecture in the late 70s, are in dire need of improvement or replacement.

New builds currently going up on the eastern and western flanks are nothing more than soulless, identikit pre-fabricated, slot together building sites, adding nothing of any significance to the city.

The Government has talked this week of building up to three more 'Garden Cities' to cope with the increasing housing demand – let's hope they learn from the mistakes currently being made on our doorstep.

Feeling the need to be cheered up, I took the City Life team to the cinema this week to watch the Inbetweeners 2 movie.

After initially having to get over the shock of paying nearly £10 a ticket, the team and I settled down to watch the show.

I can honestly say I've never seen such a crude, cretinous, but ultimately hilarious movie in a long time. Highly recommended.

■ For more on the future of Milton Keynes, turn to page 14.

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Run for research: Matt Quibell and Carol Osborne down at Furzton Lake getting ready for the run

Chasing prostate cancer

MEN are being urged to put on their trainers to help those suffering from cancer.

Matt Quibell, 27, from Wolverton, decided to hold a charity run after he realised there were not many events directed at men and male charities.

With help from Cancer Research UK event organiser Carol Osborne, he has organised Chasing Down Prostate Cancer, which will take place at Furzton Lake on September 14 from 9.30am. The different distance runs are also open to women and children aged eight and above.

Carol said: "We are allowing women and children to join because all the family suffers when we lose a loved one to prostate cancer."

Matt, who has lost two family members to cancer, said: "It would be great to get many people involved."

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'Best' places to live highlighted

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE 'best' and 'worst' places to live in Milton Keynes have been highlighted in two studies this week.

Royal Mail revealed MK8 was one of the most desirable postcodes in the UK based on health, crime rates, education, housing affordability and employment.

MK8 covers the north west of the city and includes Two Mile Ash, Great Holm, Loughton and Shenley Church End.

The area beat off more than 1.8million postcodes in the UK to make number seven in the study's top 10.

Great Holm councillor Zoe Nolan said: "I have lived in the MK8 postcode for 22 years. I love living here and it is wonderful to have it recognised as such a desirable part of the UK."

An interactive online map rating 7,137 areas across the UK has also been released.

Based on similar criteria such as crime, health, home ownership and average weekly income, it showed Olney as the 'best' area to live in the city after it came 256th.

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At the other end of the scale, the map, compiled by the Daily Telegraph, put Beanhill and Coffee Hall at 6,192th.

But Cllr Brian Walker of Woughton Community Council, which covers the area, criticised the ranking.

"It's snobbery I think," he said.

"We have had our share of problems but I have lived on the estate for 20 years and there are a lot of people here who are willing to make it better."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Car goes into ditch

TWO people were injured in a crash in Denbigh Road, Bletchley, yesterday. A silver Suzuki went into a ditch after it collided with a white Nissan van at about 11am. One person was treated at the scene and another was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital.

Ice time for Benedict

ACTOR Benedict Cumberbatch has shared a video of him doing the Ice Bucket Challenge. The star of Bletchley Park-based movie The Imitation Game has multiple buckets of ice cold water poured over him – including in the shower – for charity. See **mkweb.co.uk**

Teenager sexually assaulted

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl has been sexually assaulted.

The teenager got off a train with a man in Bletchley and walked with him to Tinkers Bridge. As they walked along the redway, the man kissed her on the neck and touched her inappropriately. She pushed him away and flagged down a person.

Police would like to speak to a man caught on CCTV. He is white, about 5ft 6ins, with short light-brown hair. He was wearing a polo shirt, jeans and white Lacoste-type shoes. Anyone with details about the incident, on July 16 at about 10.20pm, can call 101.

Boys arrested after fight

TWO teenage boys were left with facial and head injuries after a fight near the shops in Great Linford.

A group of teenagers were seen fighting at about 8pm on August 19 and police want to find a man they believe witnessed it. Two boys aged 12 and 13 were arrested on suspicion of assaulting a person, causing them actual bodily harm.

They have been released on police bail until October 1. Witnesses should call 101.

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Passionate author: Graham Jones with some of the front covers of his ebooks that are now online

Disabled writer's success

A DISABLED author has just released his sixth ebook – and says he won't stop there.

Graham Jones, 54, from Stony Stratford, continues to overcome the barriers of his various health problems to follow his passion for writing.

Despite suffering from heart condition angina and blood clots that mean he cannot walk unaided and have led to depression, Graham has published his latest ebook called Robbery 4 All.

It follows the story of a lad who carries out a simple smash and grab, but is then coerced to plan a bank robbery. The final plan is to rob four banks in CMK.

Graham said: "I do what I can when I can, but it is one hell of a reason to get up in the morning.

"I love what I do and just want to share it with everyone else."

To buy the £2.95 ebook visit www.lulu.com

FBU meeting to 'calm tensions'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has called for a face-to-face meeting with the chief fire officer for Milton Keynes.

James Wolfenden, the secretary for the FBU's southern region, has expressed his desire to hold talks with Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's Mark Jones to 'calm some of the tensions'.

As reported on **mkweb.co.uk**, Mr Jones released a statement to staff on Friday expressing his frustration and anger surrounding the online abuse he has received over his decision not to allow firefighters back to work after striking over their pensions.

He said: "I repeat my disappointment at the abusive and bullying techniques being utilised, but wish everyone in this service to know that we will not make deals with the FBU while officers and firefighters are under threat."

In response to the statement, Mr Wolfenden said: "The only way to settle our differences is through dialogue. Both parties are pretty entrenched in their positions, which has led to confrontation, but we want to get around the table and calm some of the tensions.

"Hopefully there won't be any more strikes but that all depends on how the meetings with the Government go this week."

A spokesman from the fire service said: "The channels of communication have always, and will continue to be, open to FBU representatives. Should the FBU wish to arrange a meeting they are welcome to contact us and we will be happy to meet."

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Gas cylinder fire

A 200-metre cordon was put in place and businesses evacuated after a fire in an industrial unit involving gas cylinders. Firefighters and police were called to Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, yesterday at 1pm. Four fire crews attended to tackle the blaze and check the potentially explosive oxy-acetylene cylinders.

Anniversary for Leo

HELP celebrate the one year anniversary of MK NEWS' charity of the year, Leo's Appeal. From September 1-7 hold a breakfast with family and friends to help raise money. See **mkweb.co.uk**.

MK base for Fiji and Samoa

FIJI and Samoa will be based in the city during next October's Rugby World Cup.

As well as there being three games in the city, the two Pacific Island sides will train at Bletchley Leisure Centre and Woughton on the Green's Sports Pavilion throughout the six-week tournament.

The search for team bases was launched in May 2013 and more than 90 cities applied.

Cllr Hannah O'Neill, deputy leader for Milton Keynes Council, said: "To have such iconic rugby nations using MK as a base truly shows our sporting ambition."

Man flashes young girls

A MAN exposed himself to six young girls in an underpass below H7 Chaffron Way.

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‘Changes do not make the grade’

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A HEADTEACHER has slammed changes made to GCSE exams.

Following an overhaul of the exam system, the number of students achieving an A* to C grade in English has dropped nationally by 1.9 per cent – and Shenley Brook End School suffered a similar drop in the subject.

But headteacher Glen Martin feels that the reforms, which include the switch to less coursework, are unfair on students, who he felt would have achieved better marks if they had sat last year’s exams.

“It’s wrong that some students who last year would have got a C are now getting a D,” he said.

“I feel quite strongly that what they say is maintaining standards isn’t actually doing that.

“I think this stigmatises young people.”

“This is the problem with national politics affecting students’ futures.”

Shenley Brook End student Tyler Arthur, who got six A*s and five As, admitted he was affected by news coverage of the drop in English grades ahead of picking up his results on Thursday.

“The stories get you worried and leave you feeling paranoid and anxious,” he said.

In total, 65 per cent of students gained five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C, including English and maths, at the school – 3.8 per cent below the national average.

Damning: Glen Martin is unhappy with the effect changes have had on English grades

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Historic charm at Ye Olde Swan in Woughton-on-the-Green

Landmark pub Ye Olde Swan in Woughton-on-the-Green is inviting local residents to enjoy the pub's new look following a £65,000 refurbishment.

Situated next to the thirteenth century St Mary's church, near the picturesque surroundings of Ouzel Valley Park, the Tudor pub(part of the Chef & Brewer brand) has long been a firm favourite of local residents and visitors.

One of the pub's most famous regulars was legendary highwayman Dick Turpin. A stone remains at the pub which Turpin used to mount his horse when in need of a speedy escape. Legend has it that the stone carries a curse and that bad luck will befall anyone who dares to move it.

Nowadays the pub's historic ambience, stunning surroundings and extensive beer garden – complete with a popular outdoor bar – provide the perfect setting to enjoy great British pub food with a glass of wine or pint of cask ale.Ye Olde Swan general manager, Meagan McNamara, said: "We are really impressed by the improvements that have been made as a result of this latest renovation. As a landmark in the community we were conscious that any refurbishment had to take into account the historic nature of the building.

"We've refreshed and expanded the dining area to make it an even more enjoyable experience to sit back, relax and enjoy fantastic pub food.

"We look forward to sharing our fresh new look with returning and new guests alike over the coming weeks and months and providing them with a meal to remember in an enviable setting."

As well as the brand new look, the menu at the Ye Olde Swan will see a revamp from Wednesday 27th August. The new menu is filled with the timeless pub dishes you know and love, coupled with hearty portion sizes and big, bold flavours.

Typical starters include farmhouse pork and chicken liver pâté infused with cider and mustard served with toasted bloomer bread and ale chutney (£4.99); seared scallops served over sticky barbecue and ale pulled pork, with roasted red peppers and rocket finished with a balsamic glaze (£6.49); and sautéed button mushrooms on a garlic and toasted muffin with a Stilton and peppercorn sauce, complete with crumbled Stilton (£4.59).

The main event features dishes such as two lightly grilled sea bass fillets served with pan-fried scallops over a creamy prawn, pea and chive risotto (£13.49); pan-fried duck in a black cherry and red wine sauce, served with Dauphinoise potato and Savoy cabbage and bacon (£13.99); and a prime Wagyu beef burger topped with crispy prosciutto, with sweet potato fries, onion rings, ale chutney and truffle mayonnaise (£13.49).

There is also a new set lunch menu available from £4.99, 12pm – 4pm Monday to Saturday, featuring hand-battered fish and chips, and a chicken breast burger topped with grilled bacon and cheddar cheese, served with chips. Plus there is the two-course evening set menu for £12, or £14 for three courses, from 4pm Monday to Thursday, which includes the ever-popular Brewer's Chicken and the new beetroot and butternut squash salad.

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Break-in: Andre Sablon, owner of Apple Mania, standing outside his shop, which is based inside Sun Ko in Stony Stratford's High Street. Thousands of pounds worth of Apple products were stolen in a burglary last week

£15k shop theft

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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ITEMS worth £15,000 were stolen when a shop was targeted by thieves.

Various iPads, iPhones, iPods, Macbooks, screens and cash were taken from Apple Mania after burglars managed to break through a back gate, two doors and numerous safety locks.

"This is the first time something like this has ever happened as we had a very robust system," said Andre Sablon, owner of the shop in High Street, Stony Stratford.

"Whoever it was knew what they were doing and what they were taking.

"They had to get through a grilled gate, back door, rip off the office door and get the locks off.

"They made their way into the main shop and went into the display cabinets. They also removed the CCTV.

"We have now fitted the most secure and up-to-date CCTV out there – it's top of the range.

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Mr Sablon expressed his relief that the shop is busy to help make up for some of the financial loss from the break-in.

He added: "We get people coming to the shop from all over Milton Keynes, but also from Northants and Bedfordshire."

The burglary happened between 8.30pm on August 18 and 8.50am the next day.

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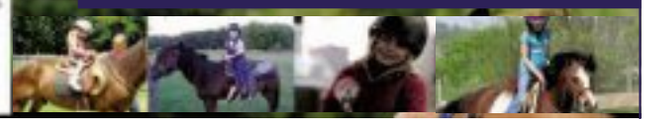

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Owner Steve Wilding said: "It would be nice to see MK put on the map."

Did you spot sex assault on train?

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PASSENGER was 'left traumatised' after she was sexually assaulted on a train.

The 25-year-old fell asleep after boarding the train at Euston and woke up to find a man touching her as it passed through Leighton Buzzard.

She left the train at Milton Keynes and alerted police.

Officers met the train at Rugby station but could not find anyone matching the man's description.

He is described as Asian and in his 40s. He wore a white shirt, which was either short-sleeved or had the sleeves rolled up, dark suit trousers and carried a heavy dark shiny coat.

Sergeant Mark Summerfield from British Transport Police (BTP) said: "The victim has been left traumatised by this assault and we need to find the man responsible."

Anyone who was on the 6.49pm Euston to Birmingham New Street service on August 13 and saw anything is being urged to contact BTP on 0800 40 50 40.

Last week BTP announced the number of sexual offences reported on the UK's railways has risen by a fifth in a year.

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Call for city summit to address funding

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN URGENT city summit has been called for after MK NEWS revealed the building of more houses, schools and doctor's surgeries in Milton Keynes is in doubt.

Having read our front page story last week, Cllr David Hopkins wants the summit to be arranged so government ministers, MPs and leading councillors can agree how the cost of providing the infrastructure needed for the city to continue to grow can be met.

It is accepted that the provision of GPs and schools and the construction of affordable and social housing is not happening fast enough – a situation that cannot be allowed to continue.

But Cllr Hopkins is concerned that Milton Keynes Council leader Pete Marland's plan to go cap in hand to the Government will lead to it offering more money for infrastructure but at the cost of committing to thousands more houses on top of the 28,000 that have already been agreed for the area.

> It's now time for the Government to put its money where its mouth is and fund the essential infrastructure
> **Cllr David Hopkins**

He said: "We have an agreed Core Strategy and a plan for growth to 2026 and a project underway to add to and amend those projections through to 2031 (Plan:MK).

"Central government is calling for more homes to be built and we are responding to that call – it's now time for the Government to puts its money where its mouth is and fund the essential infrastructure required to make that growth in housing numbers a reality."

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said he has been fighting for more government help to meet infrastructure costs for years.

He also said he was open to the idea of discussing the issue at a city summit.

"I recognise that more needs to be done so that Milton Keynes gets our fair share of funding," said Mr Lancaster.

"We need more money if we are to continue to expand and I continue to be the city's strongest advocate when it comes to this.

"I've been lobbying for 10 years for fair funding – we have had some success with health care and schools, but even more needs to be done."

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Worry over shop's plan to sell booze

BY LEAH SNELUS
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FEARS have been raised that anti-social behaviour will increase if a shop is given permission to sell alcohol.

Little Romania, a convenience store selling eastern European food, has applied for a licence from Milton Keynes Council (MKC).

But concerns have been voiced over the plans by the shop in Queensway, Bletchley, by a councillor and nearby businesses.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has announced a 'no drinking zone' could be introduced in the area in an attempt to reduce anti-social behaviour and alcohol related problems.

In an email to MK Council's licensing sub-committee, which is due to discuss the proposal tonight, Alan Webb, ward councillor for East Bletchley, says: "It will increase the anti-social behaviour from the groups that gather, drink all day, verbally abuse young girls and virtually make it a no go area.

Cause for concern: Little Romania in Queensway, Bletchley, has applied to Milton Keynes Council for a licence to sell alcohol

"I have been in the area, hearing for myself the victimisation of innocent people caused by the increasing drinking.

"We are trying to increase the quality of Queensway, not scare people and traders away."

Andrea Parker, manager of the Keech Hospice charity shop in Queensway, has also expressed her concern in an email to the committee, claiming drunks outside the store have affected trade.

MK NEWS contacted Little Romania, but no-one was available for comment at the time of going to press.

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The Welsh brothers, who came third in the show in 2013, are doing a nationwide tour of Age UK day centres.

They performed for 20 minutes then spoke to members of the lunch club.

Age UK MK's Ann Lark said the visit 'was absolutely superb for everyone'.

Flowers vanish from crash site

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A WIDOW has spoken of her heartbreak after flowers she laid in memory of her dead husband were taken away – on four occasions.

Mother-of-four Lisa Lloyd has been leaving flowers at the junction of H7 Chaffron Way with Pattison Lane in Woolstone.

Her husband Jamie died in a motorcycle accident at the junction two years ago.

But each time she has left flowers at the site they have mysteriously vanished and now she is calling on whoever is responsible to stop taking them.

She said the situation has been very distressing for her and her children – Abbie, 15, Jack, 13, Lewis, five, and Madison, three.

"I feel like we're being targeted," said the 39-year-old from Middleton.

"Someone has kept taking them away but we're entitled to pay our respects.

"The flowers I left were very low profile but I've not taken any flowers up there since because somebody keeps removing them."

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Lisa is also backing calls by Old Woughton Parish Council to make the junction when Jamie died safer. It wants to see traffic bollards installed and road marking made clearer to stop dangerous overtaking by drivers. Lisa would also like the speed limit on Chaffron Way to be cut from 70mph to 40mph.

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Couple saddle up for charity

A COUPLE celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on a 'bicycle made for two'.

Karen and Simon Williams from Stony Stratford cycled 75 miles from MK to London along the canal on a tandem on Saturday to raise cash for Delete Blood Cancer. The couple chose the charity, which recruits stem cell donors, after their friend Paul Margiotta, 42, was diagnosed with leukaemia.

The couple are still raising money. Find out how to donate at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

On their bike: Karen and Simon Williams before the trip

Warning to protect land from revellers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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FARMERS and landowners are being urged to look out for signs illegal music events are being organised on their land following a rave.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, police officers needed hospital treatment after breaking up the illegal rave at Petsoe Manor Farm in Emberton last weekend.

Following the incident a large number of cylinders police believe were used for laughing gas were recovered from the site.

Now officers are asking people to be on their guard and look out for the following:

- The removal of locks from secure access points
- Vehicles driving off-road
- Groups of vehicles congregating in rural areas
- Loud music from remote woodlands

Sergeant Andy Paulden, from Newport Pagnell Police Station, said: "We believe that the people who attended this illegal rave travelled from all over the country, but it is the local community and the landowners who are left with the lasting effects."

Acting Superintendent Jim O'Ryan asked the community to be on the look out for any warning signs.

He added: "We cannot do this on our own.

"People have to make sure their land is as well protected as possible.

"They should also make us aware if they hear of anything by calling 101."

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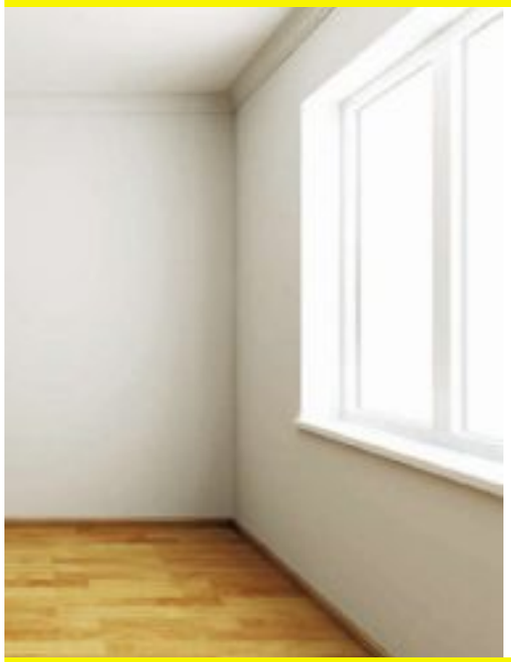

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Police give crime cash to charities

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POLICE have handed £14,000, which was raised by selling goods seized from criminals, to three charities in the city.

Thames Valley's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Anthony Stansfeld, and Chief Constable, Sara Thornton, have awarded the cash to Hazard Alley, Mediation Works MK and MK ACT.

It has come from the Police Property Act Fund, which is created from the sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner.

Hazard Alley, a child safety training centre in Kiln Farm, has been awarded £5,000, as has Mediation Works MK, which helps solve disputes within the community and workplace.

MK ACT, which offers help to domestic abuse victims, has also received £4,000.

The cash is a welcome boost for Hazard Alley, which costs £350,000 a year to run.

Its director, Jan Alder, said: "Thames Valley Police were one of our major partners when we started 20 years ago.

"I am delighted that the PCC is continuing to support us and this will help us continue deliver an important safety and crime reduction message to children."

In total, more than £187,000 was donated to charities and community groups across Thames Valley from the fund.

Mr Stansfeld said: "I am delighted that we have been able to make such good use of this funding by supporting a large number of charities and voluntary organisations."

Chief Constable Thornton added: "It is good to see so many different organisations allocated money.

"I know they rely on funding such as this and relatively small amounts of money can make a huge difference to people's lives."

Welcome cash: Jan Alder, director of Hazard Alley, is delighted to have been given £5,000 from the Police Property Act Fund

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Funding to save church from ruin

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER a two year wait a group of volunteers have secured funding to help protect a thousand-year-old church that has become a crumbling ruin.

A group of more than 40 volunteers started a campaign in 2012 to preserve the ruins of St Peter's Church in Stanton Low, north of New Bradwell.

This week Save St Peter's steering group was 'delighted' to announce it has secured funding from its owners, Milton Keynes Council, to erect a 'vandal proof' fence around the church to protect it for future generations.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the area was becoming a hotspot for late-night revellers and people were stealing bricks.

The group now hopes that with the fence, the grade II-listed ruin can now be a display of the city's history.

Celebrating: *From left*, volunteers Daniel Clarke, Dawn and Johnny Jeywright, Nigel and Pauline Wright and Barbara Wright

Barbara Wright, chairman of the group, said: "We are delighted to announce the news.

"The Heras-style fence was erected on August 20 and along its 160-metre perimeter vandal proof clips are used to ensure that the metal fence cannot be lifted out from its feet.

"Milton Keynes isn't overly blessed with history and the bits we have got tend to go back a long way."

Residents are being invited to visit the church as part of the city's Heritage Open Days event.

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Slim Richard wants to give trust a big lift

Before and after: Richard Graham has lost 10 stone in just 10 months

BY LEAH SNELUS
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A GYM-GOER who has shed 10 stone in just 10 months has been named a 'hero' and is donating his prize to The Henry Allen Trust.

David Lloyd Leisure held a nationwide competition on Facebook asking people to vote for their PT Hero of the Year 2014.

Users were so inspired by Richard Graham's bid to get fit that they crowned him the winner.

Richard, who trains at David Lloyd's Newlands centre, won a year's free membership for his efforts.

But generous Richard will be raffling off the prize to raise money for The Henry Allen Trust.

The trust raises funds for children and families battling cancer, in memory of Henry, who lost his battle with neuroblastoma aged just four last October.

Richard chose the good cause so it could 'achieve its goals'.

Dawn Allen, Henry's mother and founder of the trust, said: "Team Henry is extremely proud of Richard. We're very grateful. Henry would be so proud of his achievements."

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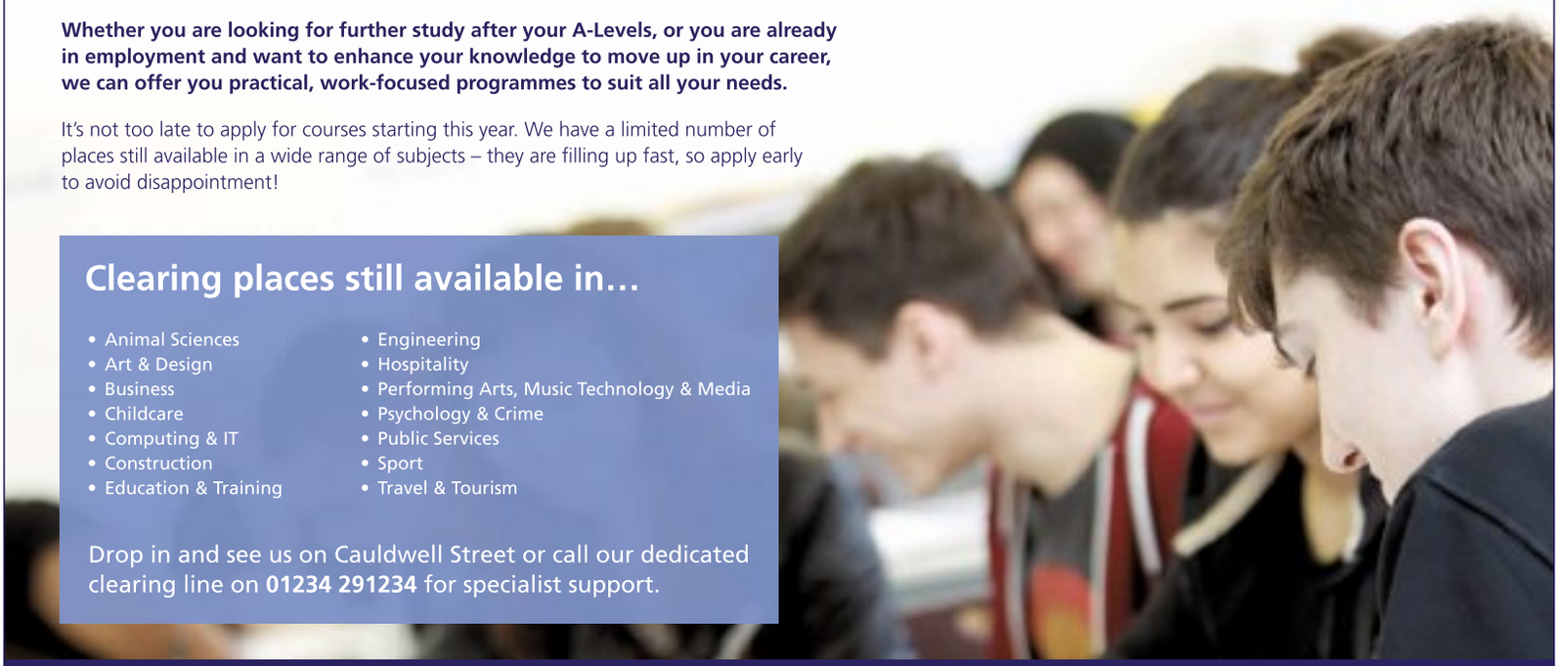

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Testing: ***From left***, Rachel Ball, Curtley Ewins, Tony Porter and Scott Gale with the new wheelchairs

Sporting chance

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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WHEELCHAIR users can now enjoy playing sports on their doorstep after thousands of pounds was given to a centre.

Stantonbury Arts and Leisure Centre has been awarded £7,360 by the Big Lottery Fund, which has paid for 10 sports wheelchairs.

The wheelchairs, supplied by Motivation Sport, will enable disabled residents to play tennis, badminton, basketball, archery and fencing.

It means wheelchair users will no longer have to travel to the Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Aylesbury to play sport.

Paralympian Gabi Down, 16, is a wheelchair fencer from Bletchley who currently has to train in her coach's garage after she lost £10,000 worth of funding in March.

She said: "I have to get lifts to Aylesbury to train, so being able to go to Stantonbury would be so much easier.

"If we now have a dedicated centre in Milton Keynes we can encourage more people with disabilities to get involved in sport."

Curtley Ewins, 22, who is currently on a work placement at the centre, applied for the Big Lottery funding.

He said: "The chairs will mean disabled residents can play with their family and friends.

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Gez named as the city's new top cop

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE city has a new top cop after its latest Local Policing Area (LPA) Commander was appointed.

Superintendent Gez Chiariello is returning to Milton Keynes, where his career with Thames Valley Police began in 2007, to take over the role of LPA Commander from September 1.

It's a role he will be familiar with, having been LPA Commander for Aylesbury Vale.

Supt Chiariello, who is a qualified and practicing martial arts instructor, said: "I am looking forward to returning to Milton Keynes as LPA Commander and working alongside some incredibly committed and dedicated members of staff, police officers and key partner agencies to deliver a service of which our communities, friends and family will be proud.

"My priorities will include primarily protecting vulnerable people and keeping the communities of MK safe."

Supt Chiariello is replacing Supt Barry Halliday, who is moving to another role within the force.

Supt Jim O'Ryan has been acting LPA commander in Supt Halliday's absence and will continue in the role of deputy.

He said: "I am looking forward to working with Supt Chiariello when he takes up his new role."

Returning: Gez Chiariello will be back in MK

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Works 'screwed up our business'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE manager of a company claims council roadworks that made it difficult for customers to access a retail park 'screwed their business'.

Shops including Hobbeycraft, B&Q, Halfords and Next based at the Central Retail Park in Rooksley have complained they received no notice that Grafton Street would be closed for improvement works for five days from Friday, August 15.

And after customers found it difficult to enter the park having been diverted, some reported that they had lost more than half their takings for each day of the repairs.

Gary Furniss, the store manager of Hobbeycraft, told MK NEWS: "We had no notice at all. For a couple of days they weren't even doing any work on it, one worker was asleep by the road.

"They screwed our business, the store was so dead.

"We lost 55 per cent of our business every day of the repairs."

At one stage Gary attempted to move cones to reopen the road but claimed he was threatened with arrest.

Cllr Mick Legg, cabinet member for public realm at Milton Keynes Council, said: "The businesses don't believe the closures were made aware to them.

"Although notices were made on the highways they didn't receive a letter. We will make sure we learn from that.

"Obviously there are winners and losers out of this process, but repairs are overdue."

Slow progress: A worker in Grafton Street where work took place

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City GCSE students

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STUDENTS from across the city picked up their GCSE results on Thursday.

Among those celebrating at Shenley Brook End School was Desislava Eneva, who picked up 13 A*s and two As.

She is hoping to become a lawyer and will continue her studies at the Royal Latin Grammar School in Buckingham from September.

Matteo Johnson also picked up seven A*s and four As and, following his appearance as Danny in the school's production of Greece, he wants to become an actor.

"I feel like all the hard work has finally paid off," he said.

Oakgrove School celebrated its highest ever GCSE results with 73 per cent of students gaining five A*-C grades, including English and maths.

The pass rates of 81 per cent in English and 83 per cent in maths were particularly impressive.

Top performers included Ariadna Punchal-Carillo, who achieved A* and A grades in all of her 12 subjects.

Headteacher Peter Barnes said: "This shows the excellent academic outcomes achieved by students at Oakgrove School."

What a result: Students at the Hazeley Academy see their grades

More than 97 per cent of students at the Hazeley Academy achieved five or more GCSE passes. Eighty-two per cent netted A*-C grades in maths, while 76 per cent gained the top grades in English.

Nafisa Fadzelmulla, who received six A grades and two A*s, was shaking with excitement about her results.

She said: "I was crying before I came here this morning, I thought I was going to fail. I really can't believe it."

Hamid Iqra will go on to study the international baccalaureate after achieving eight A*s and two As.

At Walton High 71 per cent of students achieved an A*, A or distinction* in their GCSE and BTEC qualifications, with 35 students gaining the highest grades in eight or more subjects.

Students from the Webber Independent School achieved a 100 per cent pass rate, with 76 per cent securing A* to C grades.

Norman Miles, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for children and lifelong learning, said: "This year's GCSE results are a credit to the hard work and commitment that Milton Keynes' students, school staff and governors put in all year round."

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Joy: One student at the Hazeley Academy is delighted after opening her GCSE results on Thursday

Pupils at Shenley Brook End

The wait is finally over: Matteo Johnson and Desislava Eneva

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The Great Brickhill-based company also installed solar panels to heat the pool for the Margolis family, who live in Radlett, Hertfordshire, in April 2014.

The programme will air at 8pm tonight.

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At home: Staff from Sundance Pools with Sarah Beeny

More criticism for Premier Academy

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN ACADEMY has come in line for more criticism this week.

The Premier Academy in Saffron Street, Bletchley, wants to build an access road onto Drayton Road and create more parking to help get vehicles off the streets.

But Linda Poizat, who lives in nearby Magenta Close, is worried about how the new access road could affect the flow of traffic on the estate.

"We already have issues with getting out of our house in Magenta Close with all the school traffic," she said.

"You can imagine the volume of cars that will be coming in and out of that road during school hours."

An informal hearing about the plans, which is open to members of the public, is due to take place at Milton Keynes Council's civic offices at 10am today.

The academy's chief executive officer, Warren Harrison, said: "We want to alleviate the traffic congestion as best we can so we are attempting to bring the traffic on site in a one-way system."

The hearing comes after MK NEWS reported the academy's plans to open longer hours and use its multi-purpose hall for community events were rejected by the council.

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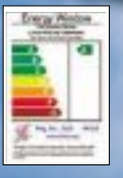

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It's the Dawn of a new era for queen of comedy

DAWN French, award-winning actor, best-selling novelist and the Queen of British Comedy, has set out on her first ever solo tour.

Based on her life and career it's called 30 Million Minutes – roughly how long she's been alive – and it's coming to Milton Keynes Theatre from September 17-20. Due to popular demand for tickets, the Saturday performance has just been added so that more people can be amazed at her extraordinary lack of willpower, combined with an enviable knack for nosey parking and showing off. It's also worth seeing if only to finally witness what size she actually is. What is the truth? Is she so unfeasibly large that she can hardly live? Or does she sleep in a matchbox? Marvel at how one woman can mercilessly murder so much chocolate and yet remain so curiously slim...

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outdoorplay

JOIN Alice as she meets the White Rabbit, The Mad Hatter and the March Hare at this lively and funny open-air theatre production at Willen Lake's mini bowl.

The Parks Trust will present this family-friendly musical of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland on Saturday at 4pm. Performed by the Cambridge Touring Theatre, the play is filled with fun and pranks for ages five and over.

Tickets cost £12 for adults, £8 for children or £32 for a family of four and must be bought in advance. Visit **mkweb.co.uk** for more details.

fortiesflyover

THE sights, sounds and tastes of the Second World War come to Milton Keynes Museum this weekend for its hugely popular Forties Weekend.

And in this year of special commemorations, the weekend's packed programme is expected to include a flypast by not one, but two, Lancasters – the ever-green Battle of Britain bomber being joined for the first year by its Canadian counterpart. Back on the ground visitors can look forward to live music, parades and special exhibitions. It costs £22 for a family ticket for two adults and up to four children, or £7.50 for adults and £6 for concessions. The event is open from 11am-4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

mealdeal

LET'S face it, if you're going to immerse yourself in an evening of rebetiko, you'd daft not to go the whole hog and first book a table at Café in2 at The Stables.

Çigdem Aslan is the rising star of the rebetiko revival. The songs, which express the life, love, hopes and struggles of everyday people, were originally popular in the 1920s among an exiled underclass in the hash dens and cafés of Turkey and Greece. Çigdem takes her audience on a journey of passion and humour at the Wavendon live music venue on October 1. And, just to get you in the mood, for £17 more, you can tuck into a scrummy-sounding Turkish feast first. More details at stables.org

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lovebletchley

MILTON Keynes and its surrounding area has always had a great deal of civic pride.

And what better place to celebrate that than at Love Bletchley Day?

Organised by Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, on this special day it likes to remind everyone of its diverse range of shops and market stalls.

Queensway will be alive with the bustle of a large traditional market with many stalls selling arts and crafts, flowers, plants, bric a brac, games and cakes.

There will also be facepainting, a dynamic range of food and entertainment and music. So not only is it a good shopping experience, it is also a fun day out for the whole family!

Love Bletchley Day takes place from 9am-4pm on Saturday and is free to attend.

Stalls are still available from £10. Call 01908 633786, or email paul.raine@bfstc.

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They will also get a pair of tickets to Cadbury World, where they will discover a whole range of chocolatey fun.

They will join Freddo and a host of Cadbury characters as they whisk them away on an adventurous journey where they can dive into a bowl of liquid Dairy Milk or take to the skies in a Creme Egg airship!

Also on offer is a pair of tickets for the global phenomenon CATS at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking production includes the famous melody Memory.

The prize includes an overnight stay at nitenite cityhotels – which offers city centre accommodation – and a meal at the new restaurant EastZEast, lauded as 'the home of Punjabi cooking'.

To enter simply answer the following question: Whose production of CATS is at the Birmingham Hippodrome?

A) Andrew Lloyd Webber
B) Elton John
C) Ant and Dec

To enter visit www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions Alternatively, send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by September 3. The editor's decision is final

waterlaugh

REAL-LIFE submariner Eric tells his stories of life on board a nuclear submarine at That Time of the Month Comedy club on Sunday, September 7.

Eric will tell his Tales of the Sea at The Cannon in High Street, Newport Pagnell, from 7pm – and it promises to be a unique event.

To call it only comedy wouldn't do it justice, as Eric plays with the audience's every emotion. With a selection of incredible images, he takes them through his experiences, which include danger, suspense and true love underwater.

To book your tickets, which cost £7 on the door, or £8 in advance, go to www.wegottickets.com

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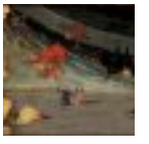

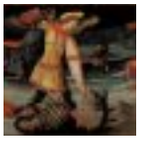

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moviereview

FOR a gun toting film full of decapitations, bondage and mutilations, while boasting the same visual splendours as the original, Sin City 2 is a disappointment.

The film expertly weaves together four stories in Sin City: old favourite Marv hunts down frat boys, gambler Johnny is pitted against his father, Dwight McCarthy gets caught in a dangerous web and little Nancy Callahan is on a quest for revenge.

The first half gets off to a good start with Joseph Gordon-Levitt as gambler Johnny adding a touch of charm. But the second act is slow going and the return of stripper Nancy is a letdown. Watched over by the dull ghost of her saviour Hartigan, Nancy spirals out of control, but for a woman on the brink Jessica Alba lacks the acting pedigree to carry her scenes.

But Sin City is as stunning as ever with dramatic reds, blacks and whites contrasting against the violent backdrop with the odd dab of colour used to great effect.

It's just hard to believe that such beautiful use of cinematic genius is coupled with predictable plotlines. No originality means this is just a graphic novel brought to life.

★★★☆☆

Rachael West

AS AUTUMN fast approaches, JAMES FROST from Frosts Garden Centre, gives you his top tips for September. For the full article visit www.mkweb.co.uk

AS WE move into September you will want to start to plant or move new trees and shrubs and sow hardy annuals for next year.

Planting now will ensure plants get the best start, as their tops are going into the dormant stage, but the soil is still warm and plants will grow new roots into the surrounding area between now and Christmas.

This will help them cope with warm weather next spring.

Sweet peas are best sown now into pots in a cold greenhouse/cold frame so they can produce strong plants to flower next year.

Sow hardy annuals straight from the packet into the soil onto a prepared seed bed to give you a blaze of colour next summer.

Plants dying down can be cut back and grasses can be left over winter for the wildlife.

Evergreen hedges should now have their final trim before winter.

Climbing roses can also be tidied up for winter.

On your lawn apply an autumn fertiliser to strengthen it, after you have scarified and aerated to let the air in and remove the thatch.

dawnfrench

STEPPING into the unknown on her first solo tour with 30 Million Minutes is both exciting and terrifying for Dawn French. And she still isn't quite sure what the show is.

Talking to Matthew Stadlen in a Cornish hotel, just up the lane from her home on the coast, she makes a worried noise.

"It's not a stand-up show. It's not a play. I guess it is a monologue because it's just me talking. It's a slide show to an extent. But not like your awful, most feared auntie who's just come back from Egypt where you have to sit and watch everything. It's quite autobiographical, so I show you the people that have made me, so to speak. There's quite a lot about my mum and dad."

French's father gave her confidence and she remembers a 'key moment' when she was leaving for a party. "I've always been a big girl and shouldn't really have been wearing hot pants," she says. Her father, though, was supportive. "He told me I was completely beautiful and how amazing I looked in them and that I would get loads of attention. So my dad gave me a sort of telling off that was about totally infusing me with confidence and I went on cloud nine to this party and I've actually never left that party. It was armour."

When she was just 18, French's father Denys killed himself. It was, she says, "just like a bomb went off in our family. I still have sadness about it. Massive sadness. And I think it's been a centre point of my life, what happened with my dad."

Soon after her father's suicide, French started at the Central School of Speech and Drama in London. There she met Jennifer Saunders. The pair began to make names for themselves on the alternative comedy scene and their long-running TV show, French and Saunders, launched in 1987.

Roles on television – including the lead in the Vicar of Dibley – and in the theatre have followed.

With an autobiography and two novels also to her name, she is testing herself again.

But French is not entirely easy with the show being all about her.

"I keep saying to Michael Grandage, the director, 'I need to take this out,' and he says, 'Absolutely not – that's the whole point. Do not push it away from you. Absolutely own it and be completely strong and confident about that." So that's what I've done. I don't need loads of positive strokes for just being alive. What I want is people to turn up and see whether what I've written works."

What are you waiting for? To book tickets to the show at Milton Keynes Theatre, visit atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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warconcert

BRADWELL Silver Band will be commemorating the anniversary of the First World War with a Music for Heroes concert.

The event, on Saturday, September 6 from 7.30pm, will involve guest soloist Ben Godfrey of the Central Band of the RAF. Tickets are £8 from 01908 616463.

supportcharity

TAKE part in a charity walk and wheelathon sponsored by MK Athletics.

The event takes place at Stantonbury Campus Stadium on Saturday and there will also be stalls, a barbecue, bouncy castle and more. The day starts from 1pm, with registration open from noon, and is raising money for CDKL5 Disorder UK, which helps people suffering from the genetic disorder.

toptips

LEARN the basic steps of some of the most popular ballroom dances to celebrate Top Hat returning to Milton Keynes Theatre.

People aged 18 and over can try the foxtrot and quickstep as seen in the show, which is on until September 6.

The dance workshop takes place on Friday, September 5 from 6pm and partners are useful but not essential.

Tickets cost £10 plus £2.85 transaction fee. See www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes for more details.

nirvanatribute

IT'S hard to be believe it's 20 years since the world lost Kurt Cobain.

But his spirit lives on in the music of Nirvana and tribute band Real Nirvana are an excellent example of the musical legacy he has left.

The group play at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Saturday. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets, costing £5, are available from www.thecraufurdarms.com

diamondstar

NEIL Diamond was a star – and a big one at that.

The Diamond Decades celebrate his great music and with JJ Jones as the man himself, you'll be amazed at how his voice and delivery are so close to the real thing.

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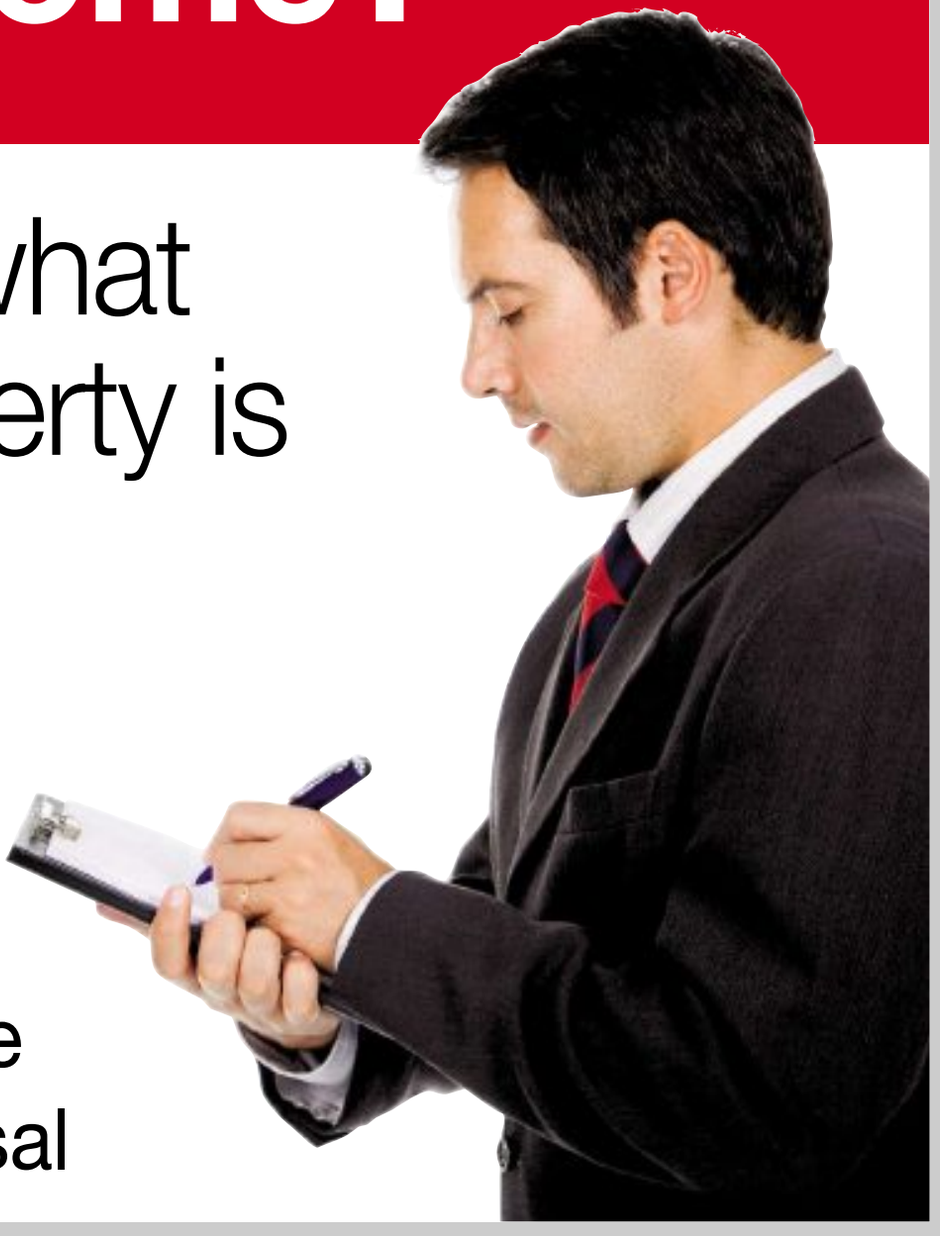

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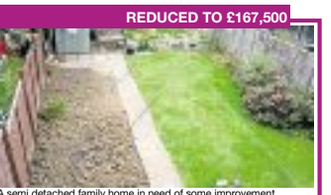

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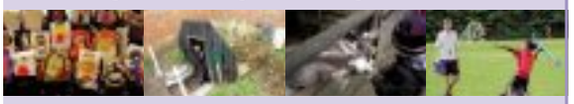

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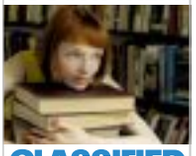

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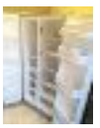

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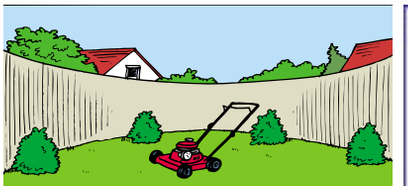

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119
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PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

The above named Order, made on 27th August 2014 under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath described in paragraph 2 of this Order. The current footpath runs from a timber gate at no. 5 The Green, Woughton-on-the-Green at the point marked A on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87516/37536) the footpath travels in a generally southerly direction on a grassed surface for a distance of approximately 109 metres to the point marked B on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87526/37428) the footpath then travels in a generally south easterly direction on a grassed surface for a distance of approximately 38 metres to the junction of Woughton footpaths 7, 8 and 10 to the point marked C on the Order map (OS Grid Reference SP 87553/37401). Throughout its length the footpath has a width of 1.5 metres.

The public footpath will be diverted from the east of no.12, The Green, Woughton-on-the-Green at the point marked D on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87389/37477) the footpath then travels in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 88 meters to point E on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87445/37404 the footpath then travels over an existing timber bridge 2 meters wide, with a timber decking surface, timber supports and parapets either side 1.2 meters in height, for a distance of approximately 4 meters. The footpath then continues on a hard surface path in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of 17 meters to where it meets Woughton footpath 8 at the point marked F on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference 87454/37390).

A copy of this Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Copies of the Order and the map may be purchased from the Civic Offices at the Price of £3.00.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Head of Legal Services, Procurement, Planning & Property, Milton Keynes Council, PO Box 111, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ not later than 25 September 2014. Please state the grounds on which they are made quoting reference NA/PE/007509.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Milton Keynes Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CUMBRIA CLOSE, BLETCHLEY) (RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26th August 2014 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of a residents permit parking area within Cumbria Close, Bletchley from a point in line with the south-eastern boundary line of number 13 Cumbria Close, and continuing in a south-westerly direction to the highway boundary of number 18 Cumbria Close, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit or carer's permit operational the whole 24 hours of every day. There will be no charge for the issue of the resident's permits, visitor's permits and carer's permits.

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Red Bull notch up 50th win

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It leaves Ricciardo in third, 64 points behind leader Nico Rosberg and 35 points adrift of Lewis Hamilton with seven races to go, although the final Grand Prix at Abu Dhabi this year is double points.

Ricciardo, who started the race in fifth, said: "There's been a lot of good things about the win, obviously the last two came from a more aggressive style of race, but today was more calculated and it was nice to win under different circumstances."

Red Bull's world champion Sebastian Vettel finished third.

It was Red Bull's 50th win, and team principal Christian Horner said: "Of all the tracks to win at, Spa was one of the ones that we didn't expect to."

BADMINTON

Mixed fortune for GB stars

THERE were mixed fortunes for England's city based badminton stars in the Li-Ning BWF World Championships in Copenhagen's Ballerup Super Arena.

Chris and Gabby Adcock roared back from a slow start to beat Malaysia's Tan Aik Quan and Lai Pei Jing 21-16 21-9.

Today they will take on China's 14th seeds Liu Cheng and Bao Yixin, who they beat to win in Hong Kong in November.

But silver medallists Chris Langridge and Heather Olver went down 21-15 21-14 against Singapore's ninth seeds Danny Chrisnanta and Yu Yan Vanessa Neo.

Sarah Walker was forced to withdraw from her second-round clash with Korean fifth seed Sung Ji Hyun because of an abdominal injury.

In last night's evening session Rajiv Ouseph was looking to avenge last year's first round defeat by Malaysian Chong Wei Feng.

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North Crawley stroll to win

STONY Stratford lost to Oundle Town by 81 runs in the Northants Premier League.

Oundle declared on 245-1, with Stony all out for 145 in reply.

Wolverton Town beat Thame Town in the Cherwell League Division One by six wickets, with Butt claiming a five-wicket haul and Ramanadanpulle 3-19.

Great Brickhill drew with Twyford, while in Division Three, Bletchley Town lost to Buckingham Town Seconds by nine wickets.

In the Four Counties League, North Crawley's Alex Walker scored 125 as they beat Olney Town by 205 runs. North Crawley declared on 243-8, while Olney were bowled out for a pitiful 38.

New City beat Eggington Foresters by nine wickets, while Milton Keynes defeated Elstow by 66 runs.

Milton Keynes City beat Biddenham by 40 runs.

Dons' greatest night United are thrashed

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INCREDIBLE, fantastic, amazing. All words that could describe this game and yet somehow none of them seemed enough as MK Dons pulled off one of football's great fairytale results against Manchester United.

The under pressure Red Devils arrived on the back of a defeat and a draw in the Premier League, but pre-match, nobody expected Dons to be able to live up to the might of Louis van Gaal's men.

But not only did they match the 20 times Premier League champions, they completely outplayed them, and the unreal 4-0 scoreline could have been more. It was a result that didn't just shock Dons, but rocked the whole footballing nation to the core.

Some will point to a weakened Man Utd lineup but nothing should be taken away from Karl Robinson's League One men who were fantastic almost from start to finish – pulling off one of the biggest upsets in recent memory in English football on the greatest night in the history of the club.

Fans will talk about this result and performance for years as one of the biggest clubs in the world were not simply beaten at a sold out stadiummk yesterday evening – they were thrashed, humbled and humiliated.

"I'm a little bit shocked," said Dons boss Robinson after the match. "It's what dreams are made of. These players have put on a performance that they can tell their grandchildren about for forever and a day."

The result was a huge embarrassment for new United boss van Gaal who must now be certain of the size of task he faces.

He said: "I think Milton Keynes played very well and aggressively and they had a little bit of luck with the goals I think."

United seemed to settle the quicker of the two sides, with Javier Hernandez having a golden chance after a cross by England international Danny Welbeck, but the Mexican slipped to the delight of the home faithful.

Nick Powell was next to curl an effort from the edge of the box wide within the first five minutes, while Shinji Kagawa threaded a lovely through-ball for Welbeck, but the returning David Martin raced out of his goal to collect.

Darren Potter volleyed over the top for Dons in the 11th minute in what was the home side's first half chance of the game, and after the opening 10 minutes, Robinson's men looked to be finding their feet.

Potter and Dele Alli began to run the show in midfield as the hosts came into the match, but nobody was prepared for what was to come in the 26th minute.

Ben Reeves intercepted Jonny Evans' slack pass on the right hand side, and after drawing the keeper from his goal on the byline with the United defence at sixes and sevens, he slid the ball into the path of Will Grigg.

Up against a Premier League team they may be, but there was no mistaking Grigg's quality as he slotted the ball into the empty net to put Dons in dreamland and give them a 1-0 lead.

Bowditch wasn't far from latching on to Alli's ball over the top on the half hour as Dons incredibly looked to extend their advantage, while Samir Carruthers executed an excellent half-volley in the 32nd minute which was collected easily enough by David de Gea.

Powell went close again a minute later with another shot, but United's early threat looked to have petered out. Dons were looking comfortable on the ball as they saw out the first half, and they went into the interval fully deserving of their amazing half-time lead.

Robinson's men began the second half as well as they ended the first, with a handball shout in the box against Evans in the 49th minute that should have been given after Bowditch's shot.

Carruthers gave away a dangerous free kick in the 55th minute, but the resulting set piece was atrocious as the ball was simply delivered high and wide.

Welbeck fired a shot well wide in the 58th minute as United looked to come back into the game, but every time the visitors looked to be building a passage of play together, the likes of Reeves would either get a foot in, or Alli would intercept.

Dons have always seemed to up their game against the bigger teams, and that was very much evident against the mighty United.

Substitute Daniel Powell could only sidefoot on target as de Gea got down low at his near post on 61 minutes as Dons continued to impress. If 1-0 to Dons was hard enough for fans to believe, it was about to get even better.

With 63 minutes gone, Reeves crossed in a wonderful ball from the left, and Grigg had the nerve to chest the ball beyond de Gea with a remarkably cheeky finish to put Dons in ecstasy at 2-0 up. The goal epitomised the confidence Dons were playing with, and they weren't just beating the might of Manchester United, they were outplaying them.

Reeves took that to a whole new level in the 70th minute when he didn't even need to look to pass to substitute Benik Afobe. Through on goal, there was to be no denying the Arsenal loanee, and he tucked the ball beyond de Gea to create a scoreline beyond belief at 3-0.

Keeper Martin got in on the act with a tremendous one-handed save from Reece James' shot, while the defence remained stoic as a cross evaded everybody in the 73rd minute.

Hernandez got a touch on a United shot a few minutes later, but by now the Dons fans were in full voice as the stadiummk outfit were well on their way to achieving their best ever result. De Gea nearly spilled the ball into his own net from a Dean Lewington effort in the 80th minute, but Dons weren't finished.

With seven minutes remaining, an incredible scoreline took on an otherworldly look as Afobe outmuscled the entire United back three before firing the ball home to make it, believe it or not, 4-0.

United came back with more as Martin saved a James Wilson header, but there was to be no denying Dons as they achieved a 4-0 win that was beyond the stuff of dreams.

MK Dons: Martin, Baldock, Lewington, Potter, Kay, McFadzean, Carruthers (Green 61), Alli, Grigg (Afobe 68), Reeves, Bowditch (D. Powell 56) Unused: McLoughlin, Spence, Randall, Hitchcock.

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NEWPORT Pagnell Town defeated Sleaford Town 5-2 thanks to a brace apiece from Josh Crawley and Dominic Lawless and a goal by Lukasz Filipiak in the United Counties Premier League.

Deanio Bailey-Browne and Jamie Burrows scored for Olney Town as they beat Rushden and Higham Town 2-1 in Division One.

Stony Stratford Town lost 3-2 to Langford in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League. In Division Two, Old Bradwell United beat Clean Slate 2-1, while Willen went down 7-1 to Kent Athletic. Wolverton Town drew 2-2 with Pitstone & Ivinghoe, but New Bradwell St Peter were beaten 5-0 by Totternhoe. Peters redeemed themselves on Bank Holiday Monday with a 7-2 victory against MK based outfit Clean Slate.

SPEEDWAY

MK KNIGHTS posted an emphatic win as they returned to track action for the first time since July with a 25-9 win over the Sheffield Tiger Cubs.

At the start of a hectic eight day period for the Knights, this was the ideal time for the team to confirm their position as play-off contenders.

The trip to Coventry on Bank Holiday Monday however was called off due to the appalling weather.

This weekend sees the Knights racing on Saturday at Ipswich against their nearest rivals Rye House, before returning to their adopted home of West Row, Mildenhall, for the visit of Castleford.

Wins in both these meetings would assure the Knights of a play-off place.

ICE HOCKEY

MK THUNDER have added more names to their roster with Alex Whyte, Tom Mboya, Josh Nicklin and Paul Gore confirmed as playing for them next season.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

OUSE Valley Eagles narrowly missed out on a great comeback when they lost 35-20 to Solent Thrashers at the weekend. They brought the score back to 21-20 at one point, but Thrashers ran in two more touchdowns to win the play-off quarter final clash.

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